

Pagham & District Residents' Association
Supporting Our Community

WINTER 2024



Members and Guests enjoying our Christmas Tea Party 2023

Photograph: Richard Bettles

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a great 2024, and pass on the best wishes from all the team at the Residents' Association for a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Thank you to all who attended our Christmas Tea, an unbelievable 114 tickets were sold.

The 2023 Macmillan Coffee morning raised £950. The cheque has now been presented at the Fernhurst Centre in St Richard's Hospital by Rita Woodgate and Dot Gray, an unbelievable sum, and raised in under two hours. Thank you to all who attended the Coffee morning and to those who just donated and were so generous.

Our last 2023 Coach trip before Christmas was a very wet Rochester for the annual Dickensian Christmas Market, and despite the weather a very enjoyable day.

The Minibus was busy as it has been all year with its regular shopping trips. Leading up to Christmas, we paid visits to Gunwharf in Portsmouth, Haskins and Stansted Park Garden Centres for their Christmas displays.

It was great that all these trips were sold out.

Our planning has already started for the 2024 Day trips, please read the back page, but remember, bookings will only be taken

once they have appeared, either in the Newsletter, our website or on the Notice Boards around the village.

In this edition, there is the trip to Exbury Gardens in the New Forest, Minibus trips to Rustington and our first visit to Arundel, all such popular locations.

Thank you for your continued support

John Horn, Chairman

DONATIONS TO OUR ASSOCIATION

The following individuals and group have very kindly donated funds to the PDRA over the past twelve months:

- The family of the late Mr Leslie Witham (volunteer minibus driver) chose our Association as the recipient of the donations given in his memory following his funeral
- Pagham Gardening Friends gave their annual donation as a "thank you" for including their regular articles in our Newsletter

Many thanks for their generosity, all donations are most gratefully received and assist us in maintaining and improving the service we offer to the residents of our local community.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

WEDNESDAY 10th APRIL 2024

2.00 PM

SMALL HALL, PAGHAM VILLAGE HALL

Come and meet your Committee, hear what we have done throughout the year and talk to us regarding future plans.

We can't do it if we don't know !

We welcome your suggestions - it's your community too. Stay and chat with us, tea/coffee and cake provided.

Please support us in providing the best we can
for the people of Pagham.

(Minibus transport available)

Call John on 268768 for an informal chat and further details

HELP IS ALWAYS REQUIRED IN A NUMBER OF ROLES

If any member wishes to propose a resolution for consideration at the AGM, notice must be given to the Honorary Secretary, c/o 70 Church Way, Pagham, in writing, at least 28 days prior to the meeting. It must be signed by the proposer and seconded by another member. No further business will be accepted for discussion at the AGM after this date.

MACMILLAN HANDOVER



On Wednesday November 22nd Rita Woodgate and Dot Gray had the pleasure of meeting with the team at The Fernhurst Centre to hand over the monies raised at the Coffee morning back in September. Both found it such a humbling experience listening to the wonderful work carried out by Marion and her team, and knowing the difference your donations are making.

Above is Dot handing over the cheque for £950.00.

During Marion's visit to the Coffee Morning on September 28th she explained to the members the work carried out by the team at the Fernhurst Centre, how the money was spent in 2022 and also how they planned to spend the monies raised in 2023.

A big thank you to everyone for raising such a generous amount.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



Photograph by Daisy Lilleystone (member)

Our Chairman, John Horn (second left),
placing a wreath on behalf of the
Pagham & District Residents' Association
at the Pagham War Memorial, St Thomas a Becket Church,
on Remembrance Sunday

PAGHAM CALENDAR



Many thanks to everyone who purchased our 2024 Pagham Calendar, they sold really well. A special thank you to Matthew at Pagham Stores for selling them in his shop.

Please start taking and saving photos as you are out and about the village ready for our 2025 version. We will let you know when and how to send them to us later in the year.

ROCHESTER CHRISTMAS TRIP

In December 48 of us visited the Dickensian Christmas Fair at Rochester. Although it was rather wet we enjoyed the day, watching the parades, listening to various musical acts, browsing stalls or visiting the lovely Cathedral where some of us were lucky enough to catch a Carol Concert.



Once again we were well served by Portsmouth City Coaches.

Thank you again for your support, we hope to see you again on one, or all, of the outings we have arranged for 2024

COACH OUTINGS

EXBURY GARDENS and STEAM RAILWAY

Wednesday 22nd May



Famous throughout the world for the wonderful Rothschild Collection of Rhododendrons and Azaleas, the 200 acres of beautiful landscaped gardens offer something for everyone, including water cascades, ponds, woodland gardens, rock garden

and the new Camelia Walk.

Our included **train ride** will give you the opportunity to view some of the less accessible parts of the garden, or you could stroll down to the Beaulieu River and enjoy watching the boats go by. Exbury has a fine restaurant for lunch, afternoon tea and cakes or there is a café in the heart of the grounds for light bites.

Weather and time permitting we may call in to Lyndhurst for a short visit before returning to Pagham.

Tickets are **£33 each** (members only), including entry to Exbury Gardens and your train ride.

To book your ticket visit our coffee morning or phone
Mary on 278359 between 9am and 5pm

MINIBUS TRIPS

RUSTINGTON near Littlehampton

Wednesday 20th April 2024

A popular venue for the Residents' Association, enjoy the extensive range of independent shops, cafes, and restaurants, all with easy access.



Pick-ups from 10 am - Leaving Rustington at 2.30 pm

NEW for 2024 - ARUNDEL



18 May 26th 2024

Enjoy the extensive range of Antique shops, coffee shops and numerous other independent shops, Arundel is that go to place with the wonderful backdrop of the Castle and Cathedral.

Pick-ups from 10 am - Leaving Arundel at 3.00 pm

Both trips are **£6** per person

Residents' Association Members only

To book, phone Mary on **278359** between 9am & 5pm
or see her at a coffee morning

No booking can be confirmed until full payment is received

LADIES' SUPPER EVENINGS

Our last few evenings out in 2023 were to The Anglesey Arms at Halnaker in September, where 26 ladies spent a very enjoyable evening, and to the extremely popular Arun View Inn in Littlehampton in October, where 32 ladies enjoyed great food and service.

In November we visited Restaurant 64 in Chichester. Not only was this a new venue for us, it was also a new style of menu. 26 ladies thoroughly enjoyed a fine dining experience, which was so well received the venue was immediately rebooked for 2024.

December saw 23 ladies return to our annual Christmas Party venue of The Elmer in Middleton-on-Sea. As always, the festive food was delicious and served by very friendly staff. After dinner, the DJ played a great selection of music that had us singing and dancing until the end of the evening.

By the time this Newsletter is published, we will have already held our first Supper Evening of 2024 at The Walnut Tree at Runcton on 18th January. Our February supper will be held at 47 Mussel Row in Littlehampton on 15th February.

Future Supper Evenings will be on Thursdays: 21st March; 18th April; 16th May.

The cost of a 2-course meal with tea or coffee varies from month to month, but is kept as low as possible. The minibus return fare costs £3.50 for door-to-door service, but only 14 seats are available and priority will be given to those who are unable to drive. Car sharing is welcome. If you wish to book or would like further information, please telephone **Janet on 697593**.

COFFEE MORNINGS

Come and meet the team at one of our regular

Coffee Mornings



Coffee Mornings are held on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month from 10.00am - 11.30am at the Village Hall in Pagham Road.

Come along and meet friends old & new. Our minibus is available if required (in the designated area). Call John on 268768 to book your place.

Fancy a game of Hoy or maybe Bingo

Regular Craft stalls by invitation.

'Free Library'

Large choice of books & puzzles (donations welcome for our 2024 Nominated Charity, The Apuldram Centre)

MINIBUS DATES FEBRUARY TO JUNE 2024

"The Minibus can be booked from 9.00am - 5.00pm"

Contact John on 268768

Bognor Shops

Feb	6, 13, 20, 27
Mar	5, 12, 19, 26
Apr	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
May	7, 14, 21, 28
June	4, 11, 18, 25



Lidl/Matalan

Feb	1, 15
Mar	7, 21
Apr	4, 18
May	2, 16
June	6, 20

Marks & Spencer

Feb	28
Mar	27
Apr	24
May	22
June	27

Tesco

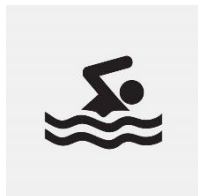
Feb	2, 9, 16, 23
Mar	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Apr	5, 12, 19, 26
May	3, 10, 17, 24, 31
June	7, 14, 21, 28

Coffee Mornings

Feb	8, 22
Mar	14, 28
Apr	11, 25
May	9, 23
June	13, 27

Swimming

Feb	5, 19, 26
Mar	4, 11, 18, 25
Apr	15, 22, 29
May	13, 20
June	3, 10, 17, 24



TIM'S GARDENING TIPS

Spring 2024

I love spring. There is so much joy in venturing back out into the garden, blinking into the sunshine, after the months of hibernation. And, call me odd, there is one particular spring job I love doing around this time... pruning rose bushes. It's all about cutting away diseased, dead or damaged growth, creating an open centre to allow air movement and ensuring there are no crossing or rubbing stems. That open centre can be a real boom to preventing disease, especially fungal disease. However, the rose question I am asked most by visitors to the garden at Crouchers Hotel, is how to stop black spot.

It's the most serious fungal disease of roses, and is caused by water-borne spores, causing the black spots on leaves, that eventually turn yellow and drop. It can also cause a loss of vigour via stem lesions and, let's face it, is not pretty to look at. Treatment is not a straight-forward matter. Removing affected leaves and stems can help, but the spores are constantly brought in on the wind.

There are chemical treatments, but they can be harsh, and either need applying prior to infection (difficult given the continual attack by spores), or repeatedly over a number of weeks. I've heard some people use a one-part milk, two-part water mixture in a spray bottle, and apply it each week - does it work? Let me know! Another approach is buying cultivars that are resistant to the disease - but this is no guarantee and most supposedly resistant cultivars will succumb over the years.

But as gardeners, we all endure the endless battle with the elements, the infections and the pests - but still, it's spring, and we're out in the sunshine once again, so it's not all bad.

Tim Ashton, Head Gardener – Crouchers Orchards Hotel and Restaurant

PAGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The very wet winter that we are currently experiencing has brought into sharp focus the dangers of building large numbers of houses on a flood plain. The developers and the District Council are both suffering from the excessive rainfall. The lack of adequate infrastructure and roads with adequate surface water drainage is continuously showing up in the floods that regularly close roads. The drainage of the peninsula using the network of manmade rife must always be maintained in good condition by all residents and landowners. Sadly this is not always the case today.

The developers are slowly suffering from a lack of district and regional planning that considers the local geology on low lying land at the foot of porous hills and the emergence of springs and streams controlled by the pressure from water being added at the top of a hill and flowing naturally down to the sea. Your Parish Council has been concerned about these issues for many years and is continuing to pressure the local planning authorities, not least in the area of surface water management and the provision for sensible developments that include sufficient provision for winters like this one. The current building at Hook Lane is a classic case of planners not controlling development to protect both current residents and future new house owners. The site still does not have fully approved designs for surface water management; it can be done later is the defence. If it had been provided and built before the houses, then it would not be the flooding problem that they are currently experiencing.

There is now an application before Arun District Council to delay the signoff of the surface water drainage plan from before occupation of the first property to before occupation of the last of the 300 houses. The development in Summer Lane last year had a similar problem with the lack of capacity at the local sewage works. The solution was to dig a very large tank at the end of the estate to collect it all and have tankers weekly taking loads to other sewage works in the county. Again no infrastructure planning to cope with the essential provision required by new housing.

Parish Councils only have advisory capability in these matters, the real power comes from individual residents. As householders we need to report what is happening on the ground to those in authority behind desks in their offices. If your road is flooded **REPORT IT** to West Sussex County Council

on their web site and keep reporting it. If you have a problem with mess, noise and general disturbance of your life by builders **REPORT IT** to Arun District Council via their web site and don't give up if the problem is ongoing keep reporting it. If the street drains where you live are blocked or floods of water appear on your estate roads **REPORT IT** to Southern Water Authority. They need to know. We are all guilty of saying someone should do something. It should be each of us if we had been more aware and reported more often what distressed us the authorities would not get away with such tragedies as the tipping of raw sewage all over our rivers and shores.

We at Pagham Parish Council continue to defend the village from as many of the poor planning decisions that we are handed by Arun District Council. In the last few months we successfully challenged the decision of ADC to allow builders to bury asbestos waste under the extension to the village open space on Summer Lane. To the extent that at a meeting with Arun and the developers it was determined that the whole scheme must be redesigned, and new plans entered for approval. This should include proper drainage and the lowering of the ground levels

FINALLY, ENHANCING THE VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT

The non-strategic developments that are going ahead do mean that some funding from the developers will come to the Parish Council. They are to be spent over the ensuing 5 years on village enhancement. This can take the form of simple tree planting schemes and permanent landscape, to sports facilities e.g. tennis courts. As your Parish Council we wish to ensure that this funding is spent to increase the village assets, services and/or environment; reflect the wishes of some or all residents. The council wishes to receive ideas from residents that can be considered for development over the next 5 years. *To quote from the regulations:*

- providing, replacing, improving, operating or maintaining infrastructure that supports development in the area; or
- anything else concerned with addressing the demands that development places on the area.

Please send suggestions to clerk@paghamparishcouncil.gov.uk

With the subject heading: [CIL funding ideas](#)

Peter Atkins, Chairman, Pagham Parish Council

Other Village Groups.....

PAGHAM GARDENING FRIENDS

We meet on the third Monday of most months between 2.15pm and 3.45pm, usually in the Small Village Hall. We hold interesting talks and enjoy outings. We are a friendly group and will make you most welcome.

2024

15th January

Making the Most of What You Have

19th February

Wholesale Plant Production

18th March

AGM

Enthusiasm is more important than experience, so call Gill on 262687.

PAGHAM LUNCHEON CLUB

Happy New Year to you all. PLC is looking forward to 2024 but very recently we had a sudden and sad loss of a valued member who, in the short time he attended our events, enjoyed the lunch dates and was very sociable and popular. We have happy memories of David--he left his mark on a group of people who otherwise he might never have met, despite all being local folk. It's a fact that the Club offers benefits way beyond just sharing a meal together.

In December we enjoyed our annual Christmas lunch outing at The Bear; this event always proves popular. Many thanks go to our special guest Peter Atkins (Chair, PPC) who spoke about local issues close to the hearts of our members, not without a little humour. This was very much appreciated. We hope to come up with other special times as the year progresses.

In order for the Club to stay afloat and thrive we appeal for donations and grants and thank all those who have supported us thus far. We will give thanks more publicly later in the year. That's all for now. Take care everyone.

Sue Miller (Treasurer, PLC) 07845 926766

Pagham Photographers



Whether you require inspiration to take more interesting Phone pictures or want to understand better the complexities of your DSLR and the technical aspects of photography; we are here to help you unleash your creative abilities and develop your photographic skills. As a friendly light-hearted club, we hope to build your confidence, push the boundaries, and together explore the wonderful world of photography. If this appeals, why not join us:



Any skill level, any camera, any interest; age doesn't matter, nor does very much else, just a desire to have fun with fellow photographers. Our Tuesday evenings are a mixture of talks, practicals, socials, and weather permitting, a few trips out to photogenic locations.

We meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7.15pm for 2 hours in the Pagham Small Village Hall. With a varied and exciting programme to challenge you, lots of images and ideas to inspire you, and of course a warm welcome awaiting you; we hope you will try us out. Your first visit is free.

Hopefully see you on the next evening, just turn up or contact Helen:
paghamphoto.helen@gmail.com

NYETIMBER SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB



Come and join us to experience the fun of Short Mat Bowls.

We currently have membership available for new and previous members.

We meet at Pagham Village Hall on Tuesday and Friday afternoons from 2.00 – 4.00 pm.

Come and give it a try for free and test yourself against our more experience members.

Give Linda a ring on 07765 300406 for more details.

PAGHAM PLAYERS

Pagham Players
presents

CHATTER BUGS!

Careless Talk * Costs Lives!

TELEGRAM

She had her own war to win
but doubted her friends and
put her trust in her enemy.

Friday 17 May, Saturday 18 May 2024; 7:30pm
Pagham Village Hall, Bognor Regis PO21 4NJ

Tickets: £10 (01243 264622)
fb.me/PaghamPlayers

MULBERRIES

Saturday 18th February

Limited S, 60s-00s Night

Saturday 27th April

Sweeney Todd

Saturday 7th September

Hattie Bond

Saturday 23rd November

The Parlophones 60s Night

All events are held at The Pagham Village Hall from 7.30pm and finishing around 11.00pm.

Tickets are £9.00 each

Contact Lesley 07833 971620 or Maria 01243 262833

Please bring your own food and drink

MYSTERY PHOTOGRAPH



Can you identify this Pagham location? Answer next time.

The picture in the Autumn Newsletter was the corner of Pagham Road and Sea Lane looking towards Church Farm. Did you spot it?

DAY TRIPS 2024

Winter Newsletter (February)

Saturday 20 th April	Rustington	Minibus
Saturday 18 th May	Arundel	Minibus
Wednesday 22 nd May	Exbury Gardens	Coach

Spring Newsletter (April)

Saturday 15 th June	Bosham & Emsworth	Minibus
Saturday 13 th July	Whitely Shopping Village	Minibus
Thursday 4 th July	Isle of Wight, Shanklin/Cowes	Coach

Summer Newsletter (July)

Saturday 10 th August	Petersfield shops and Market	Minibus
Wednesday 11 th September	Afternoon Tea in Midhurst	Minibus
September TBC	Hastings	Coach
Thursday 31 st October	Gunwharf, Portsmouth	Minibus

Autumn Newsletter (October)

Sunday 24 th November	Haskins for Christmas	Minibus
Sunday 1 st December	Stansted Garden Centre	Minibus
Sunday 8 th December	Salisbury Xmas Market	Coach

Details correct at time of going to press